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There is a real need for martial art instructors and the general public to have a realistic hold on the levels and types of crimes that are being committed in their areas. This initiated the development of an OFMAR analysis tool to map and analyse the trends in the kind of violence being committed.

Keeping a weather eye on the crime statistics has been a key objective of OFMAR since we started in 2014. We check the annual Office of National Statistics crime report for England and Wales across the July to June each year and consolidate the information to assess movements in crime types across the date and category banding for reported crime.

Obviously Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on our social lives but the positive benefit is that almost 400,000 less crimes were reported to the police in the period and statistically overall crime is down 4% on the year.

2019 - 2020 CRIME STATISTICS

The United Kingdom data is extracted from the Office of National Statistics [ONS] previously the Crime Statistics for England and Wales [CSEW]. The latest published and audited figures are at 30 June 2020 covering the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

OFMAR selected the July to June yearly return so that a complete year could be reflected in the figures and not based on quarterly returns. The ONS currently provide a quarterly report at 32 pages long in the last publication. This OFMAR report is an abridged version of the ONS report. We analyse the report and attached appendix tables for our responses.

COMMENTS NOTED DRAFTING THE REPORT

It must also be noted that at time of producing this report the latest UK population statistic at 30 June 2020 has been published at 67,886,011 This figure has been used for the statistics calculation.

It has also been noted from compiling the report that there is now a better category breakdown for the 763,105 cases included and related to Fraud. This area has really expanded over the last 5 years with better information available from the ceding reporting agencies.

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS



OFMAR must credit the 43 Registered Police force territories and ONS for compiling and publishing the statistics each period. This makes the tracking and releasing of information much easier and more centrally directed and orchestrated. Thank you!

APPROVING * ACCREDITING * UK * INSTRUCTORS

JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020 CRIME STATISTICS

The adult crime statistics are prepared across the 16 – 60 age group; so these crimes are actually committed against a calculated population base of 33,876,000 million as advised in the survey report.

The following table details the number of offences reported in the year with the percentage change to the previous year, and also in the comparison percentage to the year 2009 – 2010.

OFFENCE	No. Reported Crimes	1 Yr % Change	10 Yr % Change
Victim based crime	4,224,116	-7%	12%
Violence against person offences	1,750,750	3%	150%
Homicides	725	9%	17%
Death or Serious injury due to unlawful driving	770	-6%	42%
Violence – with injury	512,743	-6%	28%
Violence – without injury	717,824	4%	197%
Stalking and harrasment	518,688	13%	837%
Sexual Offences	152,977	-7%	189%
Rape	55,758	-7%	270%
Other Sexual Offences	97,219	-7%	156%
Robbery	79,596	-10%	6%
Theft Offences	1,715,894	-15%	-20%
Burglary	349,271	-16%	-35%
Theft of a motor vehicle	424,957	-10%	-14%
Theft from a person	92,815	-15%	1%
Bicycle theft	82,358	-16%	-25%
Shoplifting	311,320	-16%	1%
All other theft offences	454,763	-17%	-23%
Criminal damage and arson	525,309	-8%	-34%
Other crimes against society	808,428	6%	60%
Drug Offences	195,581	21%	-17%
Possession / Weapon offences	46,217	-2%	61%
Public order offences	460,181	3%	144%
Miscellaneous crimes to society	106,449	1%	105%
Fraud	763,105	5%	
TOTAL	5,795,649	-4%	

Analysis shows that the imposed Lockdown and restriction of peoples movement was probably responsible for the reduction in figures

INCREASES IN CRIME

Homicides	+9%
Violence – No Injury	+4%
Stalking / Harrasment	+13%
Drug Offences	+21%
Crimes Against Society	+6%
Public Order Offences	+3%

UPDATES TO THE REPORT

The quality of the data collected and reported in the ONS quarterly report has significantly improved over the years. OFMAR details some of the changes that have happened since 2014 – 2015:

Death or serious injury by unlawful driving is now reported separately from Homicide (which now includes the sub categories of manslaughter and negligent death)

Stalking and harrasment is now reported in its own category since 2016

Robbery is no longer treated as a sub category of Theft but detailed in its own category since 2016

Burglary is no longer separated into domestic and commercial but recorded under the same category

Drug Offences now includes both the sub categories of possession and trafficking and stop and search

Financial and Computer Fraud is dealt with separately with its own statistics table (see next page)

ONS ADVISE THEY ARE ALTERING THE REPORTING BASIS TO A THREE YEAR CYCLE AT SOME POINT IN 2020 TO IMPROVE THE ANALYSIS AND QUALITY OF DATA

CHILD CRIME STATISTICS

The Office of National Statistics has temporarily suspended the publishing of the under 15s data due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was felt that interviewing under 15s for the crime survey may have constituted a privacy breach without necessary face to face attendance or parental consent without an attending officer.

FRAUD RELATED CRIME

In addition to the 5,032,544 criminal offence reports are the Fraud related cases. Reports on Fraud only started in 2015 - 2016 in order to try to track of the types of Fraud being committed.

The expanded appendices include the figures for Fraud with the on year increases. We are all aware of an increase in email and text Scamming by Fraudsters who are specifically targeting civilians for financial extortion. In 2019 – 2020 the following table shows the categories of fraud and the cases reported across the period.

Banking and Credit Fraud	415,724	2%
Business Trading Fraud	236	-14%
Insurance Fraud	11,096	18%
Telecom Fraud	33,038	3%
Charity Fraud	807	14%
Advance Fee Fraud	42,701	-22%
Financial Investment Fraud	14,616	38%
Consumer & Retail Fraud	122,093	7%
Corporate Fraud	1358	-18%
Pension Fraud	636	74%
False Accountancy	74	-47%
Bankruptcy	10	
Passport Application Fraud	16	
Department of Works and Pension Fraud	118	100%
Government Fraudulent Applications	45	
HMRC Fraud	144	36%
Other Fraud	294	-28%
Disclosure of Information Fraud	108	-69%
Positional Abuse Fraud	2935	14%
DVLA Fraud	58	-13%
Computer Fraud	29,138	35%
Micellaneous Fraud	88,310	30%
TOTAL	763,105	5%

REDUCTIONS IN CRIME

Sexual Offences	-7%
Robbery	-10%
Theft	-15%
Burglary	-16%
Criminal Damage	-8%
Weapon Possession	-2%
Death – Unlawful Driving	-6%

OFMAR DATA ACCURACY

OFMAR believes that it is imperative to keep historical statistic figures to evaluate the crime trends and to use a standardised basis of calculation for the purpose of comparison and analysis.

OFMAR recognises that there are some amendments that have been made in the recording and reporting of information by the Office of National Statistics. The United Kingdom figures are more difficult to locate and extricate from the published report, but the actual reporting of crime is more honest, detailed and broader in spectrum than those comparable figures provided for the United States

It is promising that the statistics, information gathering and reporting functions are being seen as an 'evolving' mechanism. There are some promising developments in the next three years to broaden and standardise the output with more reporting categories.

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